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- Google exposed private data from hundreds of thousands of users of its Google+ social network due to a software glitch that allowed outside developers to potentially access profile data from 2015 to March 2018, according to internal documents and people briefed on the matter. Google, which opted not to disclose the software bug sooner over concerns that doing so would draw regulatory scrutiny and damage the company's reputation, announced in a blog post today that it plans to shut down all consumer functionality of Google+ and will also implement enhanced data privacy measures. (The Wall Street Journal)

- Microsoft Corp. is on the verge of winning unconditional antitrust approval from the European Union for its $7.5 billion deal to acquire coding website

GitHub, according to people familiar with the matter. Microsoft first announced the GitHub deal in June, which would be the U.S. software giant's largest acquisition since it purchased LinkedIn for $26 billion in 2016. (Reuters)

- Facebook Inc. is launching a new video chat device, called Portal, which uses artificial intelligence to track movement so people can move around while making calls. The social media giant, which revealed last month that hackers gained access to 50 million user accounts by exploiting a security vulnerability, says that it won't "listen to, view or keep the contents" of video calls made on the internet-connected device, adding that the Portal's camera won't utilize facial recognition or identify people on video calls. (The Associated Press)

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